

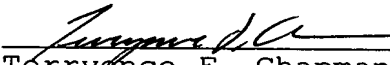
component in horizontal direction from the input luminance signal.

15. A contour emphasizing circuit according to Claim 12, wherein the contour pick-up unit comprises a horizontal contour component pick-up unit for sampling the contour component in horizontal direction from the input luminance signal.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to issuance of the first Office Action is respectfully solicited. Claims 10-15 are based on claims filed at the International Preliminary Examination stage under Article 34.2(b). Consideration of Claims 10-15, as well as Claims 5-9, is respectfully requested.

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